IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE Eastern Division

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SHEILA BLANCHETT	§	The March Court
Plaintiff,	§ §	
vs.	§ §	Case No. 1:05-1200-TAn
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	§ § 8	
Defendant.	\$ §	
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JOINT SCHEDULING ORDER

In accordance with the Rule 26(f) Report of Parties' Planning Meeting, and the Court's case management conference, the following is established for this case:

- 1. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction of this civil action pursuant to the civil enforcement provision of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. 1132(e)(1).
- 2. In this action, Plaintiff has brought an ERISA claim for benefits, attorneys fees, and costs. Defendant has denied responsibility for any of these benefits, fees, and costs.
- 3. The parties agree that, with certain limited exceptions, civil actions for plan benefits under ERISA are generally resolved upon the parties' motions for judgment based upon the existing administrative record. Therefore, the parties do not anticipate submitting Rule 26(a) disclosures, propounding discovery, or responding to written discovery.

- 4. At this juncture, Defendant has not submitted the administrative record to either the Plaintiff or the Court for inspection. Accordingly, the Defendant shall submit the administrative record by filing same with the Court and a copy to opposing counsel no later than December 15, 2005. Plaintiff shall then have a reasonable opportunity to inspect the administrative record to determine whether Plaintiff contends discovery is warranted. If Plaintiff believes discovery is required, Plaintiff shall submit a written motion to the Court explaining the basis for said discovery no later than January 2, 2006. The Defendant will have fifteen (15) days thereafter to respond to Plaintiff's motion.
- 5. In the event that no further discovery is necessary and in lieu of a trial, the parties shall each file motions for judgment by March 1, 2006. Response briefs shall be due April 2, 2006. In the event either party wishes to file a reply brief, leave of court must be obtained.

IT IS SO ORDERED ON THIS _____ DAY OF Novamber 2005.

S. Thomas Cender

JUDGE THOMAS ANDERSON

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